(*b*) whether they propose to take any measures to organise such work in the near future ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) None.

(*b*) The Public Health Organisation has included this item in its programme for 1105.

MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA (*Nominated*) : It is said that "the Public Health Organisation has included this item in its programme for 1105." May I know to what extent it has advanced so far ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Details are being worked out.

MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA (*Nominated*) : May I know what kind of details ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am unable to furnish that. The scheme is under consideration of the Administrative Board, Medical Services, who are charged with the function of working out the details.

Women's Hospital, Alleppey.

349. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the progress the Medical Department has made till now (20-5-1105) as regards the Hospital for Women at Alleppey ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Inspecting Medical Officer inspected three sites for a hospital for Women at Alleppey and has selected one as most suitable for the purpose. A reference has been made to the Land Revenue Commissioner about the sites.

Report of the Trivandrum Minor Irrigation Committee.

350. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the report of the Trivandrum Minor Irrigation Committee was received by them ;

(*b*) the number of tanks mentioned therein as demanding "emergent", "very urgent" and "urgent" attention in respect of restoration or repair ; and

(*c*) the number so far (24-5-1105) repaired or restored ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The report was received in Chingam 1100.

(*b*) The member is referred to appendix B of the report on the Minor Irrigation Works in the Trivandrum taluk. A copy of the report is available for reference in the Legislative Council Library.

(*c*) 25.

Cemeteries.

351. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil cum Devicolam*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is provision in any Statute requiring sanction for the construction of cemeteries in non-municipal areas ;

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[Mr. A. C. Kuriakose.]

(*b*) whether it is a fact that when sanction to build churches is applied for, agreements are taken from the applicants to the effect that no cemetery will be opened without sanction;

(*c*) whether there is any circular demanding such an agreement; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to lay a copy of the circular on the table?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) the authority under which such a circular was issued; and

(*b*) whether any such agreement for previous sanction is insisted upon in the case of non-Christian burials?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) Construction of cemeteries alone in non-municipal areas does not require Government sanction, but when they are attached to places of public worship sanction of Government is necessary under Section 182 of the T. P. C. and Government Notification R. Dis. No. 241/30/Mis., dated the 17th March 1930 published at page 532 of Part I of the *Government Gazette* dated the 18th March 1930.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) All the Dewan Peishkars and the Commissioner, Devicolam, have been asked by Government to get agreements from the applicants that cemeteries would not be attached to places of public worship without the previous sanction of Government.

(*d*) A copy of the letter * is laid on the table.

(2) (*a*) Royal Proclamation, dated the 13th Vrischikam 1074, and Section 182 of the T. P. C.

(*b*) Yes.

Deepening the tanks in the Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha taluks.

352. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been devoted to the question of deepening the tanks which have been silted up and which have been originally used for purposes of irrigation in the Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha taluks?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Burial of dead bodies in the mosque compound at Muvattupuzha.

353. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they first demanded the petitioners who applied for sanction to build a mosque in the town of Muvattupuzha to write down that they should not bury dead bodies in the mosque compounds;

(*b*) whether the first application for sanction was rejected, as the people refused to agree to such condition;

(*c*) whether the matter was again brought before Mr. Watts, the then Dewan;

* *Vide* Appendix XLV—page 930.

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Appendix XLV.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 351.**

Copy of letter R. O. C. No. 4535 of 27/G. A., dated 17th March 1928, from the Chief Secretary to Government to the Dewan Peishkar, Kottayam.

I have the honour to inform you that, as instances of attempts on the part of certain church authorities and private individuals to open cemeteries in violation of the orders of Government to the contrary, have recently been brought to the notice of Government, they consider that, in future, whenever applications for the erection of places of public worship, with or without cemeteries, are presented to the Dewan Peishkars or the Commissioner, Devicolam, they should take, along with such applications, written agreements from the applicants concerned to the effect that in case the sanction accorded by Government is for the erection of a place of public worship *without* a cemetery attached to it, they and their successors in title to the church or mosque will not at any time open a cemetery attached thereto without obtaining the sanction of Government. The Government therefore direct that the Dewan Peishkars and the Commissioner, Devicolam, should see that in forwarding applications recommending the erection of places of public worship, they are invariably accompanied by written agreements on the lines suggested above, from the applicant or applicants. They should also see that such applications are forwarded to Government within 45 days from the date of receipt of the applications by them, without fail.

Similarly to the other Dewan Peishkars and the Commissioner, Devicolam.

Appendix XLVI.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 359.**

Abstract of proposals re conservation of water under the Parali Catchment for irrigational purposes.

The Perinjany Reservoir scheme was one of the proposals suggested by Chief Engineer Mr. Barton in 1868. The scheme was to construct a large reservoir with a catchment basin of about 40 square miles on the Paralayar river, about 7 miles above the Pandian Dam, to store the water going to waste at Puthen Dam. In January 1872, sanction was accorded for Rs. 20,000 for the preliminary investigation, and the work continued for some years at a prohibitive cost, the expenditure exceeding the grant. In 1879 the work was stopped and was finally abandoned on the recommendation made by Major Mead in 1882, in his 'Report on the irrigation in South Travancore and on the projects for its improvements and execution".

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